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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 17, 2017.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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Rural Housing Service

TITLE: 7 CFR 3575-A, Community Programs Guaranteed Loans

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0575-0137

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized by Section 306 of the

Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies,

nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities

primarily serving rural residents. The Community Facilities Division of the RHS is considered

Community Programs under the 7 CFR, part 3575, subpart A. Implementation of the Community

Programs guaranteed loan program was affected to comply with the Appropriations Act of 1990 when

Congress allocated funds for this authority. The guaranteed loan program encourages lender

participation and provides specific guidance in the processing and servicing of guaranteed Community

Facilities loans.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: RHS will collect information in a written format and

using several forms. RHS will use collected information to determine applicant/borrower eligibility,

project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan funds for authorized

purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determination of eligibility,

improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government

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NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 680

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 12,401

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